
BLOCK OF 11- "C153.5" (deleted) & "C154"

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

For those who know that I collect the 11 cent Polk Prexies by issue, no this is not a block of James Polks! But, what it is, is very interesting indeed.

In the 1966 US Perfin Catalog a "CHM" was listed as pattern **C153.5** and duly noted as the top line of pattern **C154** "CHM/Co". During the course of time and fine tuning of what would or would not be considered a new perfin pattern, **C153.3** was deleted.

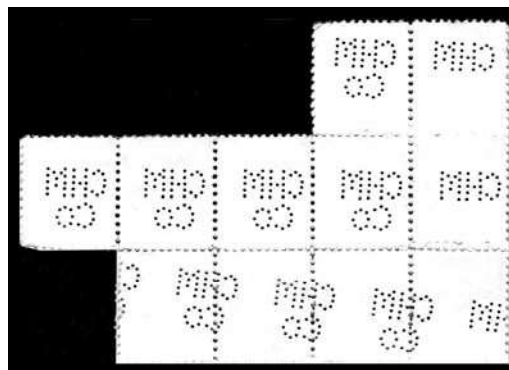
Shown are the front and reverse sides of the type of non-rectangular block that would have led to such a decision by the US Catalog editor. This block does tell us a number of things. Because of the spacing of the punches, this is either a 5 or 10 head perforator.

The bottom row of perfin punches is so out of kilter that this was hand fed by someone not paying complete attention to the job. The right vertical row shows the "CHM", so that particular head was without the "Co". Why? Induction leads me to believe that the "Co" was damaged in some manner and a decision was made to remove all the pins to these two letters rather than the try to fix defective or missing pins.

A common but interesting interest item it is! A cursory look at any blocks of perfin that you may possess might give the collecting community more interesting information. Hurry up and get out that box of perfins and take another look!



Front of Block of 11
(Reduced to 60% of actual size)



Back of Block of 11
(Reduced to 60% of actual size)

